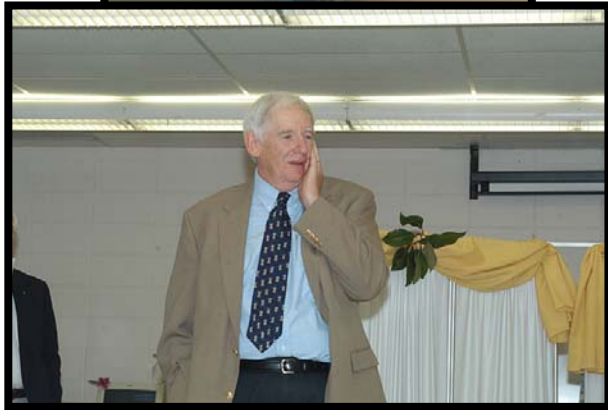


# Four Superintendents Agree to Rename ATC

## ***“The Hughes Jones – Harrodsburg Area Technology Center”***

This is the first time in recent history that an ATC has been renamed to honor a retiring principal. The new name – ***The Hughes Jones – Harrodsburg Area Technology Center*** – was unveiled, complete with a sign, during a special retirement reception honoring Jones for his 28 years in serving as principal.

When H.M. Snodgrass, Harrodsburg Independent school superintendent; Sonny Fentress, Anderson Co. school superintendent; Bruce Johnson, Mercer Co. school superintendent; and Richard Webb, Burgin Independent school superintendent got together to discuss the pending retirement of Hughes Jones, they were unanimous in their decision to try to do something special for him



The renaming of a school can be a humbling experience as Hughes Jones found out firsthand when he heard the “good news.”



H.M. Snodgrass "unveils" new sign



Jones, with wife Jennie Lee and Mary Stratton (l) and superintendents (r)

because of what he had meant to the kids and the communities the school serves. What they collectively decided was to rename the school.

"We felt it was important for us to recognize you beyond words," said H.M. Snodgrass. "I discussed it with our board and they were receptive to the idea."

Taken completely by surprise and noticeably stunned, Hughes stood in silence for a couple of minutes after hearing the announcement. All eyes in the room were on Hughes; people held their breath, had swelled hearts and waited to see his reaction with eyes wide open – and everyone could feel the heartfelt impact of how such an announcement brought out the best in the world. It was indeed a humbling and gratifying experience.

With a shaken voice, Jones said, "I am certainly honored. This is

awesome. This school belongs to everyone in this room. You all have played a part in what's happening here."

During his remarks, Superintendent Sonny Fentress, said, "I came here 25 years ago when Hughes asked me to serve on a committee for a year and I'm still here. Thanks. It's been a great experience."

"We are losing a first-class educator," said Burgin Superintendent Richard Webb.

Representing the Office of Career and Technical Education, Mary Stratton relayed how lucky the system was in having such a devoted principal.

"Hughes, we thank you for your dedication and hard work over the years in making this school what it is today," said Stratton, "You will be missed."

The twist to this story came out when Snodgrass relayed to the audience that in a discussion with Area Supervisor Mary Stratton, he learned Hughes didn't like changing names on buildings in the system. Jones had said to Stratton, "Quit changing names of schools. It confuses people."

Well, hopefully this name change won't cause any confusion for kids being served in the four school districts who attend the ATC.

Jones officially retired as principal of the **"Hughes Jones – Harrodsburg ATC"** on July 31 – but there is a unified feeling among faculty and staff that he will always be there to lend a helping hand if needed.